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File: USPT

Jun 26, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6253208

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6253208 B1

TITLE: Information access

DATE-ISSUED: June 26, 2001

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Wittgreffe; John P.	Ipswich	N/A	N/A	GBX
Zaiour; Habib	London	N/A	N/A	GBX

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE	CODE
British Telecommunications public limited company	London	N/A	N/A	GBX		03

APPL-NO: 9/ 052002

DATE FILED: March 31, 1998

INT-CL: [7] G06F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/104; 707/10, 707/100, 707/103, 707/104, 707/501, 707/513, 705/14, 705/20, 705/26, 709/203, 709/217, 709/219, 380/24, 380/25

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/14, 705/20, 705/26, 707/10, 707/100, 707/513, 709/203, 709/217, 709/219

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/4, 707/5, 707/10, 707/100, 707/103, 707/104, 707/501, 707/513, 707/524, 705/14, 705/20, 705/23, 705/26, 705/27, 709/203, 709/217, 709/219, 382/224, 380/24-25

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Douglis, Fred et al., "WebGuide: Querying and Navigating changes in Web Repositories", Fifth International World Wide Web Conference, May 6-10, 1996, paris, France.\*

Srinivasan, Raghav et al., "Maintaining Temporal Coherency of Virtual Data Warehouses", The 19th IEEE Real-Time Systems Symposium, 1998 Proceedings, Dec. 2-4, 1998, pp. 60-70.

ART-UNIT: 212

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Alam; Hosain T.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Alam; Shahid

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C.

## ABSTRACT:

An information access system is provided to create and maintain a rapidly accessible index to information extracted from information sources accessible over the Internet. The information access system may be tailored to extract, analyse and index information obtained via the public query interfaces to a number of predetermined information databases. Information may be extracted from the information databases by submitting appropriate query requests to their query interfaces and analysing data returned in response. Query requests may be stored and maintained by the information access system in query files. Query responses may be analysed by one or more query result analysis modules, each module being tailored to convert information supplied by a particular site into a common format for storage in an index. New information may be identified and reported to users. The information access system may be applied, in particular to commercial property trading.

20 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

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L21: Entry 3 of 35

File: USPT

Jun 5, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6243750

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6243750 B1

TITLE: Method and system for measuring Web site access requests

DATE-ISSUED: June 5, 2001

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Verma; Dinesh Chandra	Millwood	NY	N/A	N/A

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE	CODE
International Business Machines Corporation	Armonk	NY	N/A	N/A		02

APPL-NO: 9/ 048773

DATE FILED: March 26, 1998

INT-CL: [7] G06F 13/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 709/224; 709/203

US-CL-CURRENT: 709/224; 709/203

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 709/217, 709/203, 709/219, 709/234, 709/229, 709/226, 709/218, 709/224, 707/5, 707/10, 707/7, 395/427, 705/14, 340/825.44, 345/333, 342/44, 711/209, 235/375

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ART-UNIT: 212

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Harrell; Robert B.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vu; Thong

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fleit, Kain, Gibbons, Gutman &amp; Bongini P.L. Gibbons; Jon A. August; Casey P.

## ABSTRACT:

A method and apparatus for determining a referring entity for an access request for a node in a network comprises a plurality of nodes, wherein each node is identified by a unique address and each node comprises the capability for including sub-addresses. The method comprises the steps of: receiving a request for an address in the network, the request including a request for a sub-address within the node identified by the address; removing the sub-address from the request; comparing the sub-address received with a list of sub-addresses, each corresponding to a referring entity; and determining the referring entity corresponding to the request for an address based on the comparison.

27 Claims, 8 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Dec 19, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6163778

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6163778 A

TITLE: Probabilistic web link viability marker and web page ratings

DATE-ISSUED: December 19, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Fogg; BJ	Stanford	CA	N/A	N/A
Nielsen; Jakob	Atherton	CA	N/A	N/A

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Sun Microsystems, Inc.	Palo Alto	CA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 9/ 019797

DATE FILED: February 6, 1998

INT-CL: [7] G06F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/10; 707/3

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/10; 707/3

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/4, 707/10, 707/500, 707/513, 707/514, 709/224

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ART-UNIT: 277

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Kulik; Paul V.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: McDermott, Will &amp; Emery



## ABSTRACT:

Hypertext information links are typically contained in documents accessible by networks. Data is gathered regarding the results of attempted access to documents identified by these links. The link's viability is calculated based on the number of successful attempts resulting in successful access in order to provide a measure of link viability. The display of the document is altered based on the measure of link viability. An average of link viability for all links on the document, and on the site, is used to calculate document viability and site viability which can be used to rate the document and site, respectively. These viability measures are displayed along with the corresponding link, document, and site. Display of results retrieved by conventional search engines may be sorted based on link, document or site viability, and displayed accordingly. Links contained in bookmark lists are also measured for viability to cull out bookmarks with low link viability to, or low document viability of, the bookmarked document. Viability calculations may be made by a user computer device, an Internet Service Provider, a third party service, and/or a server on which a document resides.

39 Claims, 18 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Jan 4, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6012053

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6012053 A

TITLE: Computer system with user-controlled relevance ranking of search results

DATE-ISSUED: January 4, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Pant; Sangam	Winchester	MA	N/A	N/A
Andre; David L.	Belmont	MA	N/A	N/A
Watson; Gray	Pittsburgh	PA	N/A	N/A
Green; Richard M.	Pittsburgh	PA	N/A	N/A
Schiegg; Michael J.	McKeesport	PA	N/A	N/A

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Lycos, Inc.	Waltham	MA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 8/ 880923

DATE FILED: June 23, 1997

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/3; 707/4, 707/5, 707/6, 364/133, 364/222, 345/333, 345/968

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/3; 345/866, 345/968, 700/4, 707/4, 707/5, 707/6

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/4, 707/5, 707/6, 707/7, 707/102, 707/103, 707/104, 707/203, 364/920, 364/6, 364/222, 364/133, 340/146, 395/185, 455/4, 455/2, 348/2, 348/7, 348/10, 348/12, 345/333, 345/968, 345/978, 345/335, 382/167

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Havan; Thu-Thao

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Wolf, Greenfield &amp; Sacks, P.C.

## ABSTRACT:

A computer system for performing searches on a collection of information includes a mechanism through which results from a search query are ranked according to user specified relevance factors to allow the user to control how the search results are presented. The relevance factors are applied to the results achieved for each query. That is, each item returned by the search has a set of attributes. Each of these attributes is assigned a weight according to the specified relevance factors. These weights are combined to provide a score for the item. Search results are provided to the user, ordered according to scores. The application of the relevance factors does not alter the query performed on the collection of information.

12 Claims, 9 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Nov 21, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6151624

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6151624 A

TITLE: Navigating network resources based on metadata

DATE-ISSUED: November 21, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Teare; Keith	Palo Alto	CA	N/A	N/A
Popp; Nicolas	Menlo Park	CA	N/A	N/A
Ong; Bruce	San Francisco	CA	N/A	N/A

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
RealNames Corporation	Palo Alto	CA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 9/ 017817

DATE FILED: February 3, 1998

INT-CL: [7] G06F 13/14

US-CL-ISSUED: 709/217; 707/5, 707/522

US-CL-CURRENT: 709/217; 707/5, 707/522

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/502, 707/1, 707/3, 707/4, 707/5, 707/104, 709/217, 709/218, 709/202, 709/203, 709/219

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#### ABSTRACT:

Mechanisms for associating metadata with network resources, and for locating the network resources in a language-independent manner, are disclosed. Owners of network resources define metadata that describes each network resource. The metadata may include a natural language name of the network resource, its location, its language, its region or intended audience, and other descriptive information. The owners register the metadata in a registry. A copy of the metadata is stored on a server associated with a group of the network resources. A copy of the metadata is stored in a registry that is indexed at a central location. A crawler service periodically updates the registry by polling the information on each server associated with registered metadata. To locate a selected network resource, a client provides the name of the network resource to a resolver process. The resolver process provides to the client the network resource location corresponding to the network resource name. Multiple metadata mappings can be established for the same network resource, in which each mapping stores a name expressed in a different natural language. Accordingly, network resources can be located merely by providing the name of the network resource in any natural language that is convenient for the client.



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## ABSTRACT:

An information retrieval system is disclosed, wherein the system includes a plurality of text search engines based on substantially different computational searching techniques. By activating each search engine with input from a user information request, the output from each of the search engines is combined into a single list of information items. A ranking process ranks the information items in the combined list by utilizing information item ordering data also received from each of the search engines as to the relevance of the information items output by the search engine to the user's request. Thus, by providing higher rankings to those information items determined to be most relevant to the user's request by each of (or a majority of) the search engines, these information items have been found to be highly consistent in satisfying the user's request for information.

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